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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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 In re :

AMES DEPARTMENT STORES, INC., *et al.*, :

Debtors. :

Chapter 11 Case No.
 01-42217 (REG)

Jointly Administered

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 AMES MERCHANDISING CORPORATION, :

Plaintiff, :

vs. :

GROTON INDUSTRIES A/K/A CHEYENNE
 INDUSTRIES :

Defendant. :

Adversary Proceeding
 No.03-8490-reg

08 Civ. 1836 (RMB)

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

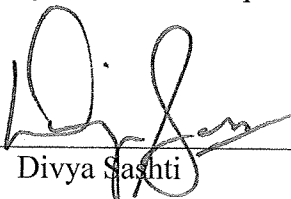
Divya Sashti, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Deponent is not a party to the action, is over 18 years of age and resides in New York, New York.

On March 7, 2008, deponent served a true and correct copy of the within **DECLARATION OF KEVIN FRITZ IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE REFERENCE TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT and MEMORANDUM OF LAW** upon:

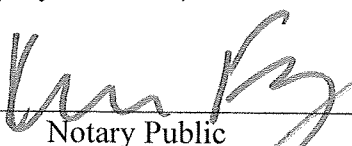
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Divya Sashti

Sworn to before me this
11 day of March, 2008



Notary Public

KEVIN FRITZ
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02FR6139281
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires on January 3, 2010